

Washington, DC – On Saturday, September 11th, Congressman Harry Teague toured the El Paso sector of the U.S.-Mexico border and met with Border Patrol agents for a briefing on recent improvements to border security operations. Joined by North Carolina Congressman, Larry Kissell, a member of the House Armed Services Committee, Teague surveyed the impact of adding additional troops to the border through the Emergency Border Security Supplemental Act. Teague co-sponsored the legislation, which aims to provide additional resources to border security efforts and includes funding for an additional 1,000 Border Patrol agents.

“The best way for me to know how our Border Patrol agents are doing and what resources they need to do their job effectively is to meet with them in person and have them tell me exactly what they need and what is and isn’t working,” Teague said. “I was able to see first-hand how putting more boots on the ground is improving security operations along the border. Clearly these investments in our border law enforcement will help improve security in our border communities.”

Teague and Kissell stopped at three points on the border in both New Mexico and Texas, meeting with Border Patrol agents currently patrolling the area. The first-hand look at the border, as well as the resources and equipment available to the agents, was supplemented by an in-depth briefing from Border Patrol authorities as they traveled along the border.

Harry Teague has consistently called for a robust, comprehensive strategy to address the violence along the border. In addition to co-sponsoring several border security funding bills in an effort to expedite these critical resources to the border, he called on the President to [send the National Guard to the border](#) to address the growing national security threat there and led 50 of his colleagues in [requesting supplemental funding](#)

to step up border security, including funding for National Guard on the border. Congressman Teague has also called on President Barack Obama to [convene a White House Summit](#) with the aim of building a policy to address the border violence crisis, ensure that the violence does not spill over into the United States, and help America get back to work building our border economies.



Harry Teague discusses current operations at the border with a Border Patrol agent during his